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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1988, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE OASIS LOUNGE, CAMPUS CENTRE, LOYOLA CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:

BD-79-D2 CARA Statement
BD-79-D3 Resignation of David Hutman
BD-79-D4 SPCA Statement

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Diane Dyson called this meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

1.2 ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Robert Douglas

ENGINEERING

Joe Serruya

FINE ARTS

Jaime Yip

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Jeff Gordon
Andrew Jolicoeur
Alex MacPherson
Andrew Madsen
Shawn O'Hara
Niki Rossman
Morty Shapiro
Nick Woollard

ABSENT:
Co-President: Maxine Clarke.
Arts and Science: Marijan Benc.
Commerce: Lianne Bastien, Andrew Boosamra, Cherine Hamam.
Engineering: Martin Corej (W/R), Louis Hotte, Stefan Potocki (W/R).

ADVISORS TO THE BOARD:

Heather Hamilton, Judicial Board; Stanley Julien, Judicial Board;

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Gordon requested that an item regarding the Palestinian interference with the Jewish Cultural week be added to the agenda.

Moved By: J. Gordon
Seconded By: J. Serruya

Discussion:

A. MacPherson stated that this item had been to the steering committee and that it should be on the agenda. N. Woollard stated that since Judicial Board has not come to a final decision on this item it should not be on the Agenda. J. Serruya stated that the Board should hear the motion because it is not related to the Judicial Board ruling and that it is totally different. R. Douglas stated that this item is directly related to the Motion made at the last meeting and that Judicial Board should be handling it and then it will come to the Board.

M. Shapiro requested that an item regarding a disclaimer be added to the Agenda at item 5.8.

Moved By: M. Shapiro
Seconded By: N. Woollard

Discussion:

M. Shapiro stated that this is a standard disclaimer and should be included in the Agenda

Vote on Approval of Agenda as Amended 6/4/0 Carried

3. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, reminded the Board members to please stick to the speakers list due to the fact that this meeting was being recorded.

Diane also reminded the Board that the V.P. External is organizing a symbollic picket line on February 26th and that they should see G. Beliveau for more information.

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, then read to the Board the resignation letter from Judicial Board member David Hutman

MOTION to accept resignation

Moved By: R. Douglas
Seconded By: J. Serruya

Discussion:

R. Douglas stated that the Board should recommend to the Finance Committee that the honorarium for David not be distributed until a report is received.

Chairperson, Diane Dyson,reported to the Board that the Administrative Department Head, J. C. Chayer had tendered her resignation. A symbollic round of applause of appreciation for J. C. was offered.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 RATIFICATION OF CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, suggested that this item be moved down the agenda since the applicant had not yet arrived. The amendment to the agenda was approved unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR C.A.S.A.

MOTION 471

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Cusa Reform Committee be struck to examine Cusa's structure and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this committee begin negotiations with C.A.S.A.

Moved By: S. O'Hara
Seconded By: N. Woollard

Discussion:

N. Woollard stated that C.A.S.A. wants more autonomy and that Cusa needs a committee to deal with this issue. D. Ajmo, President of C.A.S.A. stated that a committee is needed to set up structure and that C.A.S.A. needs more autonomy.

A lengthy discussion ensued which dealt with the need of such a committee

VOTE ON MOTION 471 7/0/3/ Carried

5.2 Q-PIRG REFERENDUM QUESTION

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Board of Directors approve the Q-PIRG referendum question which is to be included in the annual general elections.

Moved By: S. O'Hara
Seconded By: A. Jolicoeur

Discussion:

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, stated that she had received 1100 signatures in support and that Cusa must hold a referendum within 30 days which will fall during the time of the Annual General elections.

A lengthy Discussion which dealt with Q-PIRG's quest for autonomy ensued.

MOTION

Move to call the question

Moved By: J. Serruya

Vote on Motion	7/1/2 Carried
VOTE ON MOTION	5/5/1 Defeated

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, reminded the Board that since 1100 signatures had been collected the referendum question must be included in the Annual General Elections.

5.3 LINK FEE INCREASE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, stated that The Link has asked that this item be struck from the Agenda. There were no objections and this amendment to the Agenda was approved.

5.4 ANIMAL RIGHTS POLICY

MOTION

WHEREAS the Concordia animal Rights Association has condemned the "Cow Dump" event planned by Carnival Committee, and

WHEREAS the C.S.P.C.A., Canada's Humane society, views the event as unnecessarily cruel, and

WHEREAS it is a demeaning event for Cusa to Support,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Board of Directors instruct the Carnival Committee to cancel the "Cow Dump" event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT from here on in, the use of live animals in any event scheduled or held by Cusa, Cusacorp, or a group affiliated with Cusa shall be first approved by the C.S.P.C.A.

Moved By: N. Woollard
Seconded By: S. O'Hara

Discussion:

N. Woollard stated that he felt this motion was self-explanatory.

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the last paragraph be deleted from Motion 472

Moved By: R. Douglas
Seconded By: J. Gordon

Discussion:

R. Douglas stated that Cusa should decide for itself and that it shouldn't have to go through another body.

S. O'hara stated that the CSPCA is a well known group with good policies on animal welfare issues.

J. Gordon stated that he disagrees with the event but that he felt that the approval should not be bound by outside organizations.

N. Woollard stated that the CSPCA is an informed group and that they know what the issues are and that Cusa doesn't. Nick further stated that Cusa should decide what a Humane Policy is.

A lengthy discussion ensued on this topic.
There was no vote on this amendment to the above motion

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the second paragraph from the above motion be replaced with

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Cusa develope in consultation with CARA, a policy concerning the use of live animals in any event scheduled or held by Cusa, Cusacorp, or any group affiliated with Cusa.

Moved By: N. Woollard
Seconded By: M. Shapiro

Discussion:

J. Yip suggested that Cusa gather all of its policies and have them distributed to its affiliated groups for further use.

J. Serruya stated that he felt that each case should be dealt with individually.

S. O'Hara stated that CARA knows the issues and that it makes sense to consult groups who are directly involved with these issues.

R. Douglas stated that Cusa can consult others but that it should not be entrenched in the Motions.

A lengthy discussion ensued which dealt with the issue of the consultation of CARA.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT 7/1/2 Carried

Discussion of Main Motion:

G. Cheverie, President of Cusacorp, stated that with respect to this event: it was thought up by Concordia students at a carnival meeting. Glen felt that a lot of students would be involved and that every precaution would be taken to ensure that the animals psychological state would be protected. Glen reminded the Board that this is an expensive animal and that the caretaker would not entrust it to Cusa if he thought it would come to harm.

A lengthy discussion involving the Carnival "Cow dump" ensued

MOTION

Move to call the Question

Moved By: N. Woollard
Seconded By: J. Gordon

Vote on Motion 7/2/1 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 472 7/1/3 Carried

4.1 RATIFICATION OF CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Board of Directors ratifies Paul Garanis as Chief Returning Officer.

Moved By: A. MacPherson
Seconded By: A. Jolicoeur

Discussion:

H. Hamilton introduced Paul Garanis as the applicant best qualified for the position of CRO.

Paul Garanis spoke of his education in the field of Political Science and his interest in the election process.

J. Serruya questioned Paul's idea of punching the I.D. cards, and further stated that he has heard many complaints about this process. Paul responded that he will be investigating other ways of processing the election.

N. Woollard questioned the Judicial Board members presentation of this candidate. Nick asked the Judicial Board whether this candidate is being presented by the entire committee. Heather Hamilton, Judicial Board member stated that no this candidate is not being presented by the entire Judicial Board. Heather continued to say that the Judicial Board is having many difficulties in the process in which this is being run.

A length discussion ensued which dealt with the hiring process of the CRO and the difficulties of the Judicial Board.

9:00 P.M.

A. Madsen proposed that Cusa ratify the CRO only for the referendum questions and continue to interview candidates for CRO for the Annual General Election.

AMENDED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following motion replace the previous motion concerning the ratification of the Chief Returning Officer:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Board of Directors ratifies Paul Garanis as CRO for the referendum questions and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Judicial Board continue to interview candidates for Chief Returning Officer for the Annual General Election.

Moved By: A. Madsen
Seconded By: R. Douglas

Discussion:

A. MacPherson stated that he felt Cusa is wasting time and the election procedure is being delayed.

The amendment was withdrawn.

AMENDED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Board of Directors suspend Article 17.2 of the Constitution and set up an election committee composed of the Judicial Board.

Moved By: R.Douglas
Seconded By: S. O'Hara

Discussion:

A. MacPherson stated that he is against the amendment and cautioned the Board against suspending the constitution.

Further Discussion regarding the topic of the hiring committee for the position of Chief Returning Officer.

Motion

Move to call the question for the amendment

Moved By: N. Woollard
Seconded By: A. MacPherson

Vote on Amendment 3/5/2 Defeated

Motion

Move to call the question on the main motion

Moved By: M. Shapiro
Seconded By: J. Gordon

Vote on call of question 5/1/4 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 5/3/2 Carried

5.6 JUDICIAL BOARD

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Cusa Board of Directors ratify the extention of the election dates as granted by Robert Douglas, Co-President.

Moved By: M. Shapiro
Seconded By: N. Rossman

Discussion:

There was no further debate on this issue

VOTE ON MOTION Unanimous

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cusa Board of Directors ratify Peter Castiel as a member of the Judicial Board.

Moved By: N. Woollard
Seconded By: R. Douglas

Discussion:

H. Hamilton presented Peter Castiel as the most qualified candidate for the position on Judicial Board.

Peter spoke of his interest in sitting on the Judicial Board and helping Cusa fix the problems at Judicial Board.

A lengthy discussion in regard to the hiring and appointments committee and policies ensued.

Motion

Move to call the question

Moved By: A. Madsen
Seconded By: A. Jolicoeur

Vote on Motion 6/0/4 Carried
VOTE ON MOTION 7/2/1 Carried

5.7

MOTION

WHEREAS Cusa accepts the principles enumerated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, in particular the right to freedom of speech and assembly, and

WHEREAS the Palestinian Human Rights Collective interfered with Concordia Hillel Students' Association right to free speech and assembly during Jewish cultural week.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cusa condemns the Palestinian Human Rights Collective's attempt to deny Concordia University's Hillel Students' Association the right to free speech and assembly during Jewish Cultural week, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Cusa send a letter of condemnation to the Palestinian Human Rights Collective informing them that such action are intolerable.

Moved By: M. Shapiro
Seconded By: J. Gordon

Discussion:

M. Shapiro introduced Alain Mehmad who in turn described the events that took place during Jewish Cultural Week. Alain stated that Ra'ad Ra'ad had created a disturbance over the display.

J. Serruya spoke in regard to the disturbance. Joe stated that no prior notice was given to Hillel about the complaints.

Chairperson, Diane Dyson, stated that this meeting is not to be turned into a tribunal. Joe stated that he was a direct witness and would like to clearly stated the events that happened.

J. Serruya described in full the event that took place and stated to the Board that this was orchestrated and planned by CPHRC. Joe further stated that procedures were not followed for the registering of a complaint and that no effort was made to speak with the President of the Hillel students in regard to the display.

J. Gordon stated that he does not have a problem with someone making a complaint. Jeff further stated that the problem is with how the complaint was carried out and the interference it had on the free flow of information that the university has.

N. Woollard contended that whether or not this is valid should go to Judicial Board. Nick stated that this is something that this is not something that the Board of Directors should be dealing with. Nick brought to the Boards attention the

Constitution, article 7, regarding what the Judicial Board's duties involve.

Nick questioned Heather Hamilton, Judicial Board member if she thought that this matter should be handled by Judicial Board or not. Heather replied that yes this should be refered to Judicial Board.

MOTION 473

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Cusa Board of Directors refer the issue concerning the disturbance of the Hillel Jewish Cultural Week by the Palestinian Human Rights Collective to the Cusa Judicial Board.

Moved By: N. Woollard
Seconded By: R. Douglas

Discussion:

J. Serruya questioned the reasoning behind sending this to Judicial Board. Joe further stated that this is not a hearing and does not come under the Judicial Boards jurisdiction. Joe stated that the actions taken were not right.

R. Douglas stated that since this is a legal matter that this should go through Cusa's courts.

J. Serruya stated that the Judicial Board knows just as much about the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms as this Board and are in no better position to decide this matter.

S. O'Hara stated that Judicial Board has too many biases for them to make a decision.

J. Gordon stated that is not against the constitution for the Board to condemn the PCHR for its actions and that it should be dealt with here.

J. Serruya stated to the Board that it was the attempt at the disturbance that is the issue and the way the attempt was made not the actual disturbance.

Motion

Move to call the question

Moved By: A. Madsen
Seconded By: S. O'Hara

Vote on Motion 6/2/2 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 473 6//5/0 Carried

5.8 Disclaimer

MOTION

WHEREAS material printed by Cusa clubs and associations does not represent the view of Cusa. It should be noted as such. This will free Cusa of any liability claims or adverse publicity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a disclaimer by published on all clubs and associations documents funded by Cusa. This disclaimer stating, " The views expressed here are those of its authors. They do not necessarily represent those of the Concordia University Students' Association."

Moved By: M. Shapiro
Seconded By: J. Gordon

Discussion:

M. Shapiro stated that this is a standard disclaimer that everyone in the media has. Morty further stated that this will free Cusa from any adverse claims or responsibility and that it is long overdue.

A. MacPherson stated that the constitution states that all clubs and associations have to abide by our by-laws but by precedent Cusa insists that these clubs abide by all our policies as well. Alex questioned the Board as to whether this is necessary.

R. Douglas stated that he felt this would not help Cusa in any way. J. Serruya concurred with Robert's statement but added that this could be developed into a good precaution in the future.

N. Woollard pointed out to the Board that should this motion be passed it will not prevent Cusa from being sued.

J. Yip pointed out that this disclaimer is similar to the one that O'Keefe presented to Cusa and Cusa rejected it.

Motion

Move to table the motion

Moved by: A. MacPherson
Seconded By: J. Yip

Vote on Motion 9/2/0 Carried

5.5 CusaPrint renovations

R. Douglas stated that new problems have occured with Cusa Print and that Cusa is now trying to resolve the problems by forming a committee within the executive. Robert stated that this would involve new space.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Co-Presidents'

R. Douglas stated that the teachers evaluations have been sent to the lawyers and everything was approved. Robert stated that a copy of this evaluation will be brought to the next Board meeting. Robert further stated that Cusa now needs people to work on this evaluation.

Robert stated that J.C. resigned.

A. MacPherson questioned Robert why Carmi (Typesetter) was laid off and the reasoning behind it.

Robert responded that there were a lot of problems with the work performance and that Carmi was told several times that this was unsatisfactory. Robert further stated that Carmi was given several opportunities to correct this problem.

S. O'Hara asked Robert to make sure that the V.P.'s attend the next Board meeting.

J. Gordon asked Robert to ensure that the Disclaimer motion be brought back to the next Board of Directors meeting.

S. O'Hara asked Robert if anything had been done in appreciation for G. Scott White's previous three years of participation with Cusa. Chairperson, Diane Dyson, suggested that a round of applause would signify Cusa's appreciation. Robert stated that a full honorarium should be given to Scott because he completed all his duties as V.P. Finance.

6.2 Executive

There was no executive reports this meeting

6.3 Cusacorp

Glen Cheverie, Cusacorp President, distributed the monthly statement of Cusacorp. Glen stated that Cusacorp is less than $22,000 in debt which means that the deficit will look very good. Glen further stated that more information will be known after Spring Break because the Managers of Cusacorp will then go over their budgets. Glen added that Cusacorp will do very well this year.

7. QUESTION PERIOD / ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. O'Hara stated that a letter from Cusa is needed for Safeway Chez Vous stating that Cusa will not be making a donation. Shawn requested that an official document be submitted to Safeway Chez Vous.

A QPIRG representative questioned the Board as to when the deadline for the elections and referendum questions will take place. A. Macpherson stated that in regard to the QPIRG referendum question, that it has been acknowledged by the Cusa Board of Directors and that it will be a referendum question.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Move to Adjourn

Moved By: A. Madsen
Seconded By: N. Woollard

There were no objections to this motion and this meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30P.M.

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Diane Dyson, Chairperson

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Brent Jones, Recording Secretary